

NATIONAL RURAL LEGAL SERVICES CONFERENCE AGENDA
November 12, 2003 - Seattle Westin Hotel - Elliot Bay Room

- 8:30** **Continental Breakfast**
Brief welcome by co-sponsors: LSC, NLADA, FLAG
Attendee self-introductions
- 9:00** **Keynote: Charles Fluharty, Director**
Rural Policy Research Institute
- 9:15** **Laying the Foundation: An Overview**
Rural Symposium and Rural Report (Melissa Pershing, LSC)
Equal Justice Conference (Susan Patnode, Rural Law Center)
Fundraising Conference (Steve Xanthopoulos, West TN LS)
Rural Pro Bono Guide (Dina Merrell, ABA Center for Pro Bono)
Rural Multisector Leadership (Charles Fluharty, RUPRI)
- 10:15** **Break**
- 10:30** **National Voice Initiative /Rural Justice Center**
(Linda Zazove, Land of Lincoln Legal Services)
- 11:00** **Demonstration of RuralJustice.net**
(Michael Hertz, ProBonoNet and Carl Flink, FLAG)
- 11:15** **Substantive discussions** (facilitated by Dr. Heather Andersen)
In the areas of:
- Recruiting and retaining high quality, diverse staff, willing to live and be involved in the communities we serve
 - Building substantive capacity in areas such as economic development, employment, consumer, affordable housing, complex litigation
 - Increasing, diversifying and allocating resources: financial, Pro Bono, Judicare, volunteer, in-kind and others
 - Operating in the community: community lawyering, community partnerships and innovative outreach
- 12:30** **Lunch**
- 1:15** **Substantive discussions resume**
- 3:00** **Break**
- 3:15** **Rural Funders Panel:** What challenges rural funders face as they try to make choices that further their missions; emerging trends in rural philanthropy; and ideas to help us to move our rural legal services work forward. (Cris Stainbrook, Indian Land Tenure Foundation and Jane Kretzmann, Bush Foundation)
- 4:15** **Wrap-up and Adjourn**